

FOCUS ON THE ARTS

CULTURAL ARTSSPRING 2001



Dorothy Schmiedeler (left) and Nicki Lehrer (right) were two of the Rockville residents honored with an award at the 2001 Rockville Arts Sampler on March 11.

Arts Sampler Gives a Taste of What the City has to Offer

On March 11, Rockville residents were able to get a small taste of the many great cultural arts opportunities that the City has to offer at the Rockville Arts Sampler at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. The event also honored five local residents for their contributions to the arts in Rockville.

The afternoon began with vignettes by the Rockville Civic Ballet, Rockville Community Chorus, Rockville Concert Band, National Chamber Orchestra, Rockville Little Theatre, Rockville Musical Theatre, and Victorian Lyric Opera Company (VLOC). Attendees also enjoyed artwork by the Rockville Art League and a watercolor demonstration by Rockville Arts Place (RAP) during the afternoon tea in the theater's lobby.

The sampler culminated in the presentation of the 2001 Rockville Arts Awards. This year the following awards were presented:

- Rockville High School Student for Achievement in the Visual, Performing, or Literary Arts**
Nicki Lehrer, a classical guitarist, is a student at Thomas J. Wootton High School. She already has released two CDs, *The Beltway Tour* and *Beyond the Beltway*, and has performed on Capitol Hill, at the Government House in Annapolis, on the Kennedy Center's Millenium Stage, and at the French Embassy in Washington, D.C. She also has been featured on FOX 5 TV and ABC-TV Channel 7 News.
 - Chris Smith**, a photographer, is a student at Rockville High School. His portfolio has been displayed in the school's main showcase, and he shoots for the student newsletter, *Rampage*, and the student literary magazine, *Echoes*. In addition, he is the student aide for the school's photography teacher.
 - Volunteer Support to the Arts**
Dorothy Schmiedeler spearheaded an effort to establish a retail outlet for the work of area artists at RAP. With the shop at RAP, Schmiedeler hopes to increase the art center's visibility, provide some funding, and provide opportunities for member artists. In addition to her work at RAP, she contributes to the annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference by serving on the Board of Directors. She also was responsible for the implementation of the annual Student Short Story Contest.
 - Corporate Support to the Arts**
Eagle Bank believes a company should contribute to the community. As a result, the bank has made financial contributions to RAP, and the bank's president, H.L. Ward, serves on RAP's Board of Directors. He also has provided financial guidance to the board, identified new auditing services, and organized the *Giving Plan*.
 - Lifetime Achievement for Work in the Arts (Given in Memoriam)**
Barry Morley, a Harvard graduate, founded the Gilbert and Sullivan Society, and he was one of the original members of VLOC. In addition, he was a musical director and a stage director for many of VLOC's productions from 1985 to 1995, and he worked behind the scenes and helped with audience development for the company. With his help, VLOC become a resident company of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.
- The Rockville Arts Awards were established to encourage and honor artistic excellence in its many forms as well as honor those people who have nurtured the furtherance of the arts in the city. The intent of the awards is to recognize the individuals, arts organizations, and arts patrons for their exemplary involvement in and support of the arts.

Rockville Civic Ballet

presents

Cinderella

Danse D' Enesco

In Harmony

directed by Claudia Mangan

Saturday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 1, 2:30 p.m.
F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
Rockville Civic Center Park
(Direction Line: 301-309-3007)

\$7 General Admission
\$5 Children (age 12 and younger)
\$5 Senior Citizens (age 60 and older)



A Special Thank You

The City of Rockville would like to thank the following individuals for their generous support to the 2001 Rockville Arts Sampler:



Arts Supporter
Eileen Mader
John Britton and Katherine Treiman

Arts Friend
Carole Butler
Dorothy Schmiedeler
Barbara Suto
Luong Nguyen
Betty and Bob Wisda



44th Season

Rockville Concert Band

Dr. Vincent Patterson, Conductor

Grainger's Children's March

Mozart's Toy Symphony

Disney Favorites

In addition, there will be an instrument demonstration by members of the Rockville Concert Band.

Sunday, March 25 • 3 p.m.
F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at Rockville Civic Center Park

The Dixie Rascals will kick off the event with a performance at 2 p.m. in the theater lobby.

Free • Donations accepted



Entries Sought for Sixth Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Short Story Contest

“...All fine prose is based on the verbs carrying the sentences... A line like ‘The hare limped trembling through the frozen grass,’ is so alive that you race through it, scarcely noticing it, yet it has colored the whole poem with its movement – the limping, trembling and freezing is going on before your eyes.” – F. Scott Fitzgerald

Celebrate the power of prose by participating in the sixth annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Short Story Contest. Entries are now being sought.

- Here are the requirements to enter:
- You must be a resident of Maryland, Virginia, or Washington, D.C.
 - Entries must be typed in 10- or 12-point type, double-spaced, no more than 26 lines per page with a 1-inch margin, and on numbered pages.
 - All stories must be less than 3,000 words and unpublished.
 - Pages of each entry must be stapled or paper-clipped together.
 - All entries should have a title on the front page.
 - All entries MUST include a cover sheet that includes the writer’s name, address, and phone number. The writer’s name should NOT appear on subsequent pages of the story. The cover sheets will be removed on receipt at Rockville City Hall, and each entry will be assigned a number before it is sent to the judges. All entries will be assigned for judging.
 - All entries MUST follow the above-mentioned format.
 - There are no restrictions on subject matter.
 - All entries MUST be postmarked no later than July 13, 2001.

The first prize for the short story contest is \$1,000 plus an invitation to read your story at the sixth annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference award ceremony on Sept. 22, 2001, at Montgomery College in Rockville, Md. In addition, the winning story will be printed in the 2002 program.

Three runner-up prizes of \$200 also will be awarded at the conference. The fee for entering the short story contest is \$25 per entry, and checks should be made payable to: F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Inc.

Send your entry to: F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Conference/Contest, c/o Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. If you wish to have your short story returned, you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Winners of the 2001 F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference will be notified during the week of Sept. 10, 2001.

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Inc. is the sponsor of the contest. Major supporters of the conference include: the City of Rockville, the Gazette, the Rockville Cultural Arts Commission, Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation Ltd., the F. Scott Fitzgerald Society, and The Writer’s Center.

For more information, call 301-309-9461.

High Schoolers: Take Part in the 2001 F. Scott Fitzgerald Student Short Story Contest

Students – looking for a way to showcase your writing talent? Enter the fourth annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Student Short Story Contest. Not only can you receive a monetary prize, but you’ll read your work at the award ceremony and receive free admission to the sixth annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference.

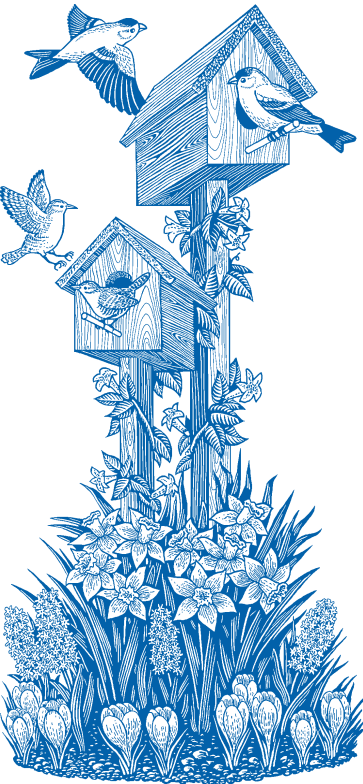
- The rules for entry are as follows:
- The contest is open to high school students who reside or attend a school within the corporate limits of Montgomery County.
 - Entries must be typed, double-spaced, no longer than 3,000 words, no shorter than 1,000 words, and commercially unpublished.
 - Entries should be full stories with a beginning, middle, and end, which either resolves a conflict or in which a protagonist achieves an awareness that he or she did not have before.
 - There are no restrictions on subject matter.
 - All entries MUST include a cover sheet that includes the writer’s name, address, and phone number, as well as the writer’s school, grade, and teacher’s name. The writer’s name should NOT appear on subsequent pages of the story. The cover sheets will be removed at Rockville City Hall, and each entry will be assigned a number before it it passed along to the judges. All entries will be assigned for judging.
 - All entries MUST follow the above-mentioned format.
 - All entries MUST be postmarked no later than July 13, 2001.

The first place prize is \$250 and free admission to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference on Sept. 22, 2001. In addition, the winning entry will be printed in the 2002 conference program. Three runner-up prizes of \$100 also will be awarded.

There is no fee to enter, and entries should be sent to: F. Scott Fitzgerald Student Short Story Contest, c/o Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

The winners of the 2001 F. Scott Fitzgerald Student Short Story Contest will be notified during the week of Sept. 10, 2001.

The contest is sponsored by the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Inc. and is supported by the City of Rockville, Montgomery College, the Gazette, the Rockville Cultural Arts Commission, Peerless Historic Preservation Ltd., the F. Scott Fitzgerald Society, and The Writer’s Center. For more information, call 301-309-9461.



Take a Mid-Week Break with Noontime Serenades

Need a little help to get through the work week? Try treating yourself to a mid-week break with Rockville’s Noontime Serenades at Rockville Arts Place (RAP).

This free entertainment series takes place at noon on Wednesdays in May at RAP, 100 E. Middle Ln. Bring your lunch and allow yourself some extra time to view the current exhibit at the gallery, tour the studios of resident artists, and visit the RAP Shop for affordable art and gifts.

This year’s schedule will include performances by the National Chamber Orchestra (NCO) String Quartet, Steven A. Seidenman, Silverwinds, and others. The complete schedule, which includes additional performers and the dates of the performances, will be released at a later date.

The **NCO String Quartet**, which is made up of members of the metropolitan area’s premiere professional chamber orchestra, was established in 1985. Their programs include a variety of classical orchestral repertoires from the past 300 years, performed by top musicians and internationally acclaimed soloists.

Steven A. Seidenman, a classical guitarist and a scholar, will perform pieces from an array of musical periods. He has performed at Strathmore Hall Arts Center, the University of Maryland, the Washington Guitar Society, and the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County events. In addition, he has competed in the Montpelier Recital Series Competition.

Silverwinds, comprised of flute players from the Washington, D.C. area., plays a wide selection of classical and baroque music. They have performed at Strathmore Hall Arts Center and the Baltimore Aquarium. They also have been featured on Cable TV Montgomery’s *Montgomery’s Most Talented*.

AIPP Works to Adorn New Parks and Facilities with Art

The next time you stroll through a City park or enter a City facility, take a few moments to find and observe the permanent artwork that complements the area. What you are seeing is Rockville’s Art in Public Places (AIPP) program at work. The Mayor and Council, through AIPP, strive to bring the world of art into the lives of Rockville residents by placing artwork around the city for residents to view and enjoy. As the City adds new parks and facilities, AIPP selects works to adorn them.

The AIPP program is funded by two sources. The Art In Public Architecture ordinance requires that one percent of the project’s budget goes to fund public art, and the AIPP project in the Capital Improvements Program requires setting aside \$1 per capita for the purchase of artwork. When budgets for projects are developed, City staff figures the monies needed for the public art.

Here is an update of some of the AIPP projects that are in the works:

Dawson Farm Park

On March 12, the Mayor and Council viewed the art proposals of the four finalists for Dawson Farm Park, and the Cultural Arts Commission recommended presenting the \$15,000 award to Rodney Carroll for his art proposal.

The award-winning proposal includes a chestnut bench and a holly bench. The tree part of the sculptures will be carved in wood and then cast in aluminum, and the curved bench seating will be cast and fabricated in solid aluminum with the English and Latin name of the tree species stamped on each bench.

Lincoln Park Community Center

After viewing the slides and biographical information submitted by 21 interested artists, the artist nomination committee selected three artists for further consideration. They are: Walter Kravitz, of Washington, D.C., who works with acrylic enamel; Trena McNabb, of Bethania, N.C., who works with acrylics on canvas panels; and Deirdre Saunder, of Potomac, Md., who works with ceramic tile.

The nomination committee consists of: Anita Summerour and Rosetta Jackson, Lincoln Park Civic Association representatives; Anita Powell, Lincoln Park Historical Society representative; April Davis, Rockville Housing Enterprises representative; Eileen Mader and Peg Sante, Cultural Arts Commissioners, Aaron Dahl, project manager; and June Linowitz, art consultant.

Croydon Creek Nature Center

The field of potential artists for the Croydon Creek Nature Center project has been narrowed from 19 to three artists. The finalists selected by the artist nomination committee include: Judith Inglese, of Amherst, Mass., who works with ceramic tile; Deirdre Saunder, of Potomac, Md., who also works with ceramic tile; and Christine Hoenstine, of Doylestown, Penn., who works with clay.

Thanks go to the nomination committee, which consisted of: Janet Crampton and Maurice Whitlock, Nature Center Committee representatives; Eileen Mader and Peg Sante, Cultural Arts Commissioners; Richard Loeschke, architect; and June Linowitz, art consultant.

King Farm Park

Hans Van de Bovenkamp, of Tillson, N.Y.; Robert Cole, of Washington, D.C.; David Colbert, of Cornwall Bridge, Conn.; and Harry McDaniel, of Asheville, N.C. are the four finalists in the search for an artist to develop a piece for the King Farm Park. Van de Bovenkamp, Cole, and Colbert work with stainless steel, and McDaniel with cement.

These artists were selected by the following committee members: Diana Espinosa and Sue Pierce, King Farm Park neighborhood representatives; Ken Lechter, George Northway, and John Moser, Cultural Arts Commissioners; and Elliott Rhodeside and Brad Garner, landscape architects.

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Congratulations to Winners of the 2001 Rockville Student Art Show

The Mayor and Council extend a special congratulations to the 2001 Rockville Student Art Show winners. The show, which took place March 4 through 27 at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, is sponsored by the City of Rockville and the Rockville Art League.

This year’s winners include:

12th Grade <i>First Place</i> Meng-Ling Lee , Thomas J. Wootton H. S. <i>Second Place</i> Xavier Lotuaco , Richard Montgomery H. S. <i>Third Place</i> Jane Hahn , Richard Montgomery H. S. <i>Honorable Mentions</i> Jane Hwang , Thomas J. Wootton H. S. Katherine Myers , Richard Montgomery H. S. Jose Angel Castro Perez , Richard Montgomery H. S.	7th Grade <i>First Place</i> Tianli Chen , Robert Frost M. S. <i>Second Place</i> Jenny Bamvi-Loufouma , Julius West M. S. <i>Third Place</i> Jasmine Pixler , Earle B. Wood M. S. <i>Honorable Mentions</i> Jessica Lin , Julius West M. S. Jason Stern , Julius West M. S.
11th Grade <i>First Place</i> Katie Hillesland , Rockville H. S. <i>Second Place</i> Guofan Zhang , Richard Montgomery H. S. <i>Third Place</i> Sally Huang , Richard Montgomery H. S. <i>Honorable Mention</i> Justin Holdahl , Richard Montgomery H. S.	6th Grade <i>First Place</i> Todd Kimes , St. Mary’s School <i>Second Place</i> Julie Ren , Robert Frost M. S. <i>Third Place</i> Tina Liu , Robert Frost M. S. <i>Honorable Mentions</i> Karen Gaske , Robert Frost M. S. Catherine Holland , Julius West M. S.
10th Grade <i>First Place</i> Carolyn Murphy , Richard Montgomery H. S. <i>Second Place</i> Eugene Hwang , Thomas J. Wootton H. S. <i>Third Place</i> Thomas Divito , Good Counsel H. S. <i>Honorable Mention</i> Jonathan Rogers , Richard Montgomery H. S.	5th Grade <i>First Place</i> Yao Li , Lakewood E. S. <i>Second Place</i> J. George Schueller , Homeschool <i>Third Place</i> Charles Gazzolo , Meadow Hall E. S. <i>Honorable Mentions</i> Lauren Hurwitz , Cold Spring E. S. Emily Ring , Maryvale E. S.
9th Grade <i>First Place</i> Paul Wang , Thomas J. Wootton H. S. <i>Second Place</i> Rosemary Johnson , Richard Montgomery H. S. <i>Third Place</i> Daniel H. Chang , Thomas J. Wootton H. S. <i>Honorable Mentions</i> David Chen , Thomas J. Wootton H. S. Caitlin Fisher , Rockville H. S.	4th Grade <i>First Place</i> Wyatt Jaster , Maryvale E. S. <i>Second Place</i> Phillip Hickey , Beall E. S. <i>Third Place</i> Emma Dickinson , St. Elizabeth’s School <i>Honorable Mentions</i> Alice He , Beall E. S. Madelaine Pierce , Cold Spring E. S.
8th Grade <i>First Place</i> Yin Ying Sun , Julius West M. S. <i>Second Place</i> Sam Rausnitz , Julius West M. S. <i>Third Place</i> Kira Portnaya , Julius West M. S. <i>Honorable Mentions</i> Lianna Melograna , Julius West M. S. Genevieve Pierce , Cabin John M. S.	3rd Grade <i>First Place</i> Jack Shu , Twinbrook E. S. <i>Second Place</i> Ali Schumacher , Fallsmead E. S. <i>Third Place</i> Katherine Marston , Fallsmead E. S. <i>Honorable Mentions</i> Aja T. Anderson , Beall E. S. Marissa Baxter , Beall E. S.

The City would like to thank the members of the Rockville Art League who volunteered their time and talents to make this Rockville Student Art Show possible.



Spring Arts in Rockville

Glenview Mansion

Art Gallery Exhibits

Second Floor (accessible)
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday
7-9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday
Closed Official Holidays
301-309-3354

April 1
LOIS MC ARDLE
various media
BARBARA SOUTHWORTH
photographs and prints
Opening Reception, Sunday, April 1, 1-4 p.m.
Artist Talk, Thursday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.
Guided Gallery Tour, Friday, April 20, 10 a.m.

May 6
ROCKVILLE ART LEAGUE
Juried Member Show (various media)
Opening Reception, Sunday, May 6, 1-4 p.m.

June 3
SUSAN MAIN
paintings and drawings
GARY THOMPSON
digital images/silver gelatin prints
Opening Reception, Sunday, June 3, 1-4 p.m.
Artist Talk, Thursday, June 14, 7:30 p.m.
Guided Gallery Tour, Friday, June 15, 10 a.m.

Sunday Afternoon Concerts

Free – No Tickets Required
Conservatory – First Floor
301-309-3354

April 1, 2 p.m.
BOB TUBLIN AND JAZZ PROGRESSION
traditional jazz, swing, bossanova, and blues

May 6, 2 p.m.
**ROCKVILLE COMMUNITY CHORUS –
ROCKVILLE SINGERS**
Bryan Seith, Director
varied repertoire

June 3, 2 p.m.
TOBAGO BAY CALYPSO BAND
calypso, soca, jazz, and popular music

*Senior citizens 60 years and older may attend dress rehearsals at no charge. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre

March 25, 3 p.m.
ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND
Free – Donations Accepted
Call 301-309-3340

March 31, 7:30 p.m.
April 1, 2:30 p.m.
ROCKVILLE CIVIC BALLET
\$7 General Admission, \$5 Children and Seniors
Call 301-309-3340

April 20 and 21, 8 p.m.
NATIONAL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Juliette Kange, Violin
Brahms, Variations on a Theme by Haydn
Shostakovich, *Violin Concerto #2*
Schubert, *Symphony #4 "Tragic"*
\$33 (center), \$25 (side), \$17 (far side)
Call 301-762-8580

April 26*, 27, and 28, and
May 4, 5, 11, and 12, 8 p.m.
ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE
Philadelphia Story
\$10 General Admission, \$9 Students and Seniors
Call 301-309-1417

April 29, 3 p.m.
ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND
Free – Donations Accepted
Call 301-309-3340

May 6, 2:30 p.m.
ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE
Philadelphia Story
\$10 General Admission, \$9 Students and Seniors
Call 301-309-1417

May 20, 7:30 p.m.
**ROCKVILLE COMMUNITY CHORUS
SPRING CONCERT**
Free – Donations Accepted
Call 301-309-3340

June 14*, 15, 16, 22, and 23, 8 p.m.
VICTORIAN LYRIC OPERA COMPANY
Patience
\$12 General Admission, \$10 Students (16 and younger)
Call 301-879-0220

June 17 and 24, 2 p.m.
VICTORIAN LYRIC OPERA COMPANY
Patience
\$12 General Admission, \$10 Students (16 and younger)
Call 301-879-0220